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"Hey YOU SKINNY You look like SOMETHING THE CAT DRAGGED IN!"

the boys yelled as I dragged myself into the gym, says Jowett Pupil, Gleason R. Cleveland. Then I gained 70 lbs. and made the football team.

CLEVELAND
BEFORE
90 lb.
Skeleton

GLEASON
CLEVELAND
AFTER JOWETT
TRAINING
160 lbs. of
Muscle

Now wouldn't YOU
Like To Have A New
Body Like Mine? I added

7 INCHES to my CHEST
3 1/2 INCHES to each ARM
and to the rest of my
body in proportion as
YOU can.

Yours *John Sill*
UTAH

Let's go, young fellow,
Now YOU give me
10 PLEASANT MINUTES A
DAY IN YOUR HOME

LIKE SLIM JOHN SILL DID
and I'll give YOU a New
HE-MAN BODY as I gave
MANY Thousands like You

NO! I don't care how skinny or
flabby you are. I'll make you
OVER by the SAME method I turned
myself from a wreck to the strongest
of the strong. Why can't I do for you
what I did for MANY THOUSANDS of
skinny fellows like You?

Develop YOUR 520 MUSCLES
Gain Pounds, INCHES FAST!

YES! You'll see INCHES of MIGHTY
MUSCLE added to your ARMS and
CHEST. Your BACK and SHOULDERS
broadened. From head to heels, you'll
gain SIZE, POWER, SPEED. You'll be
A WINNER in EVERYTHING you tackle.

ONLY MY
5-WAY PROGRESSIVE
POWER SYSTEM
BUILDS YOU
5-WAYS FAST
SO YOU
SAVE YEARS
AND
DOLLARS
!

GEORGE
F. JOWETT
"Champion of
Champions"
4 times Winner
Perfectly
Man Contest

like John
BECOME A
MOVIE STAR
HE-MAN

Come on, PAL, NOW YOU ^{do}
in 10 EASY MINUTES of FUN ^{as I did} a day
Get a NEW HE-MAN BODY
For Your OLD SKELETON FRAME!

I GAINED 60 LBS.

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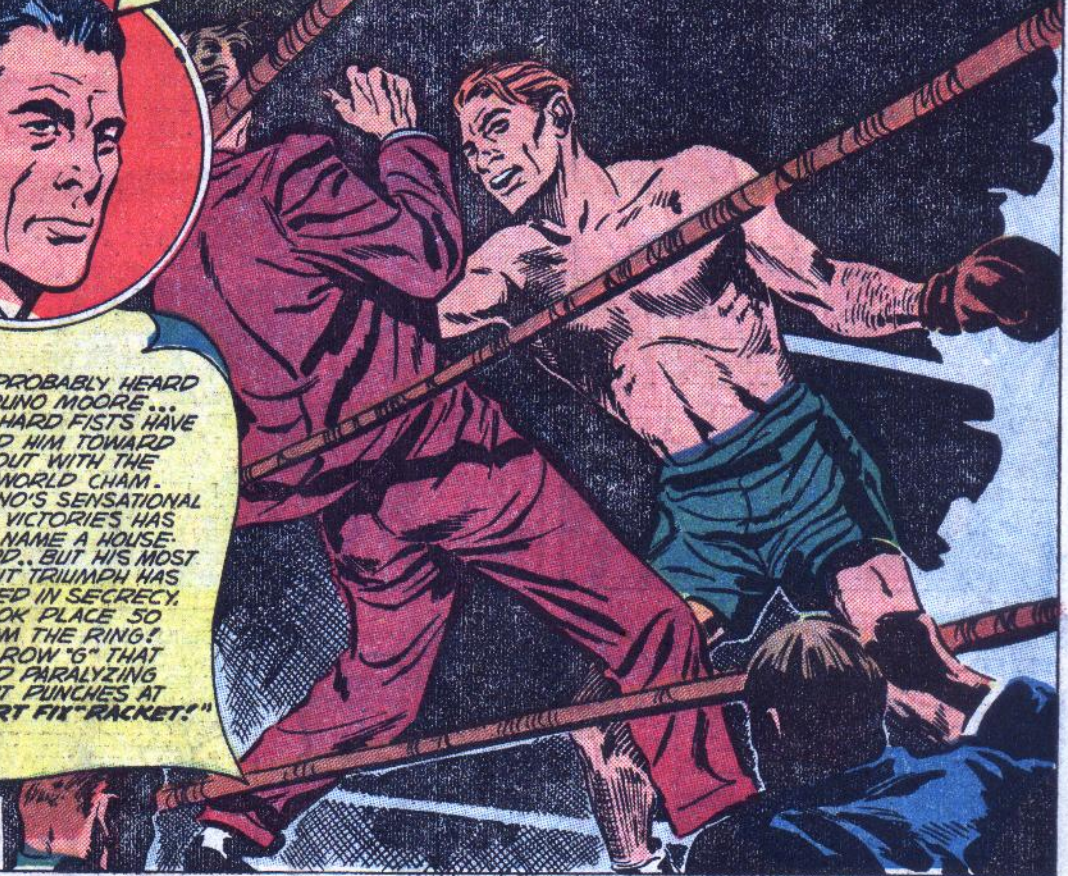
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TWO FISTED FIX!

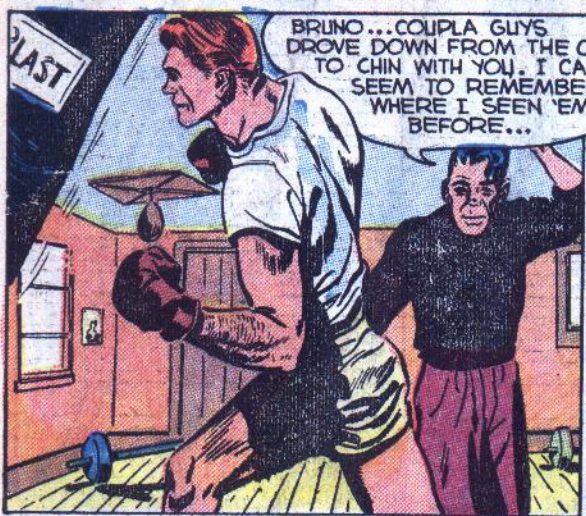


YOU'VE PROBABLY HEARD OF BRUNO MOORE... HIS ROCK-HARD FISTS HAVE PROPELLED HIM TOWARD A TITLE BOUT WITH THE PRESENT WORLD CHAMP. PIONEER BRUNO'S SENSATIONAL STRING OF VICTORIES HAS MADE HIS NAME A HOUSE-HOLD WORD... BUT HIS MOST SIGNIFICANT TRIUMPH HAS BEEN VEILED IN SECRECY. FOR IT TOOK PLACE 50 FEET FROM THE RING! IT WAS IN ROW 'G' THAT HE HURLED PARALYZING KNOCK-OUT PUNCHES AT THE "SPORT FIX" RACKET!"

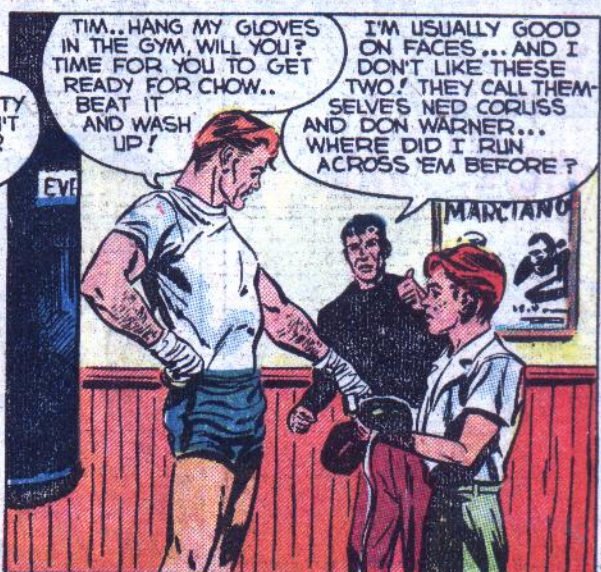
FROLLO
ALASCIA



UP AT LAKE IROQUOIS BRUNO WAS PREPPING FOR THE BIGGEST BOUT OF HIS CAREER..."



BRUNO... COUPLA GUYS DROVE DOWN FROM THE CITY TO CHIN WITH YOU. I CAN'T SEEM TO REMEMBER WHERE I SEEN 'EM BEFORE...



TIM... HANG MY GLOVES IN THE GYM, WILL YOU? TIME FOR YOU TO GET READY FOR CHOW.. BEAT IT AND WASH UP!

I'M USUALLY GOOD ON FACES... AND I DON'T LIKE THESE TWO! THEY CALL THEMSELVES NED CORLISS AND DON WARNER... WHERE DID I RUN ACROSS 'EM BEFORE?

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"BRUNO TOOK PADDY BRINKS' ADVICE AND DID SIMMER DOWN, IN THE FLURRY OF EXCITEMENT ATTENDANT UPON THE ONCOMING BOUT, HE FORGOT ALL ABOUT HIS VISITORS. THEN, TWO DAYS BEFORE THE FIGHT..."

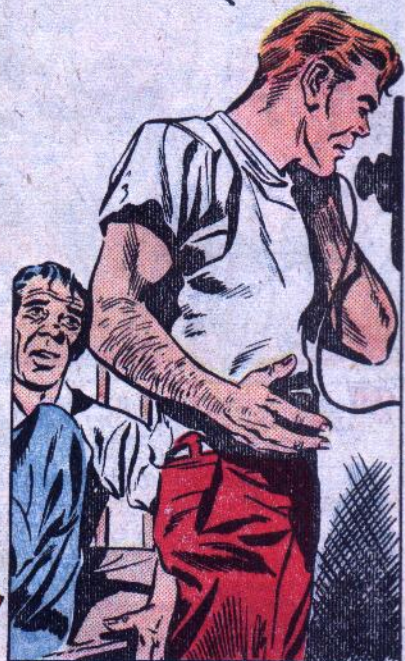


I'LL GET THE PHONE! HOPE THAT KID HASN'T HAD AN ACCIDENT OR...

NOT HIM, BRUNO! HE'S SMART... HE WOULDN'T CAUSE YOU ANY WORRY ON THE EVE OF THE BIG BOUT!

'LO...WHO? TIM! SAY, IT'S ABOUT TIME YOU GOT BACK HERE, ISN'T IT? IT'S GETTING DARK AND...WHAT'S THAT?

IT'S LATE, PADDY... WHERE'S MY KID BROTHER? TIM SAID HE WAS GOING TO HIKE INTO TOWN FOR ICE CREAM. HE'LL BE BACK SOON...



"MOORE WAS SHOCKED BY WHAT HE HEARD. FOR AT THE OTHER END..."

...AND THEN THEY BROUGHT ME TO THIS PLACE! I'M BEING HELD AS **INSURANCE**, BRUNO... EITHER YOU LOSE THAT FIGHT, OR Y-YOU'LL NEVER SEE ME ALIVE AGAIN! I...I THINK THEY MEAN BUSINESS...ONE OF THEM HAS A GUN!



HE HUNG UP! GET THE CAR, PADDY... WE'VE GOT A VISIT TO MAKE. IT MAY BE A MATTER OF LIFE OR D-DEATH! TIM'S BEEN KIDNAPED.. H-HE'S BEING HELD AS A HOSTAGE!



THAT'S IT, INSPECTOR. THEY'VE GOT THE KID HIDDEN SOMEWHERE.. AND THEY'LL KILL HIM IF I DON'T LOSE THIS FIGHT!

I NEVER SHOULD LET THOSE TWO HOODLUMS INTO THE GYM THAT DAY!

THAT'S WHEN I CAME INTO THE PICTURE."

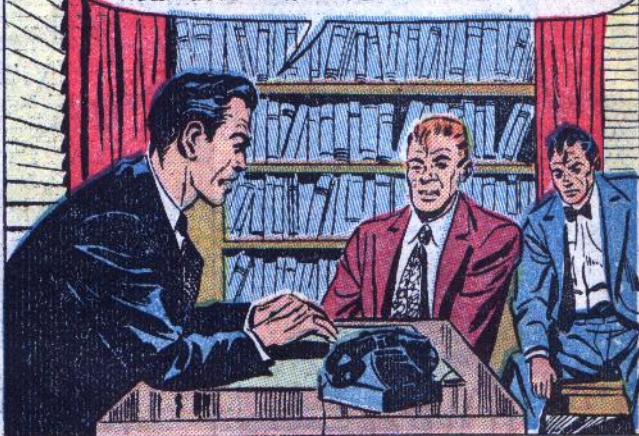


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M-MUCH AS I HATE IT.. I MAY BE FORCED TO THROW THE FIGHT! I..I CAN'T RISK MY BROTHER'S LIFE ... WINNING ISN'T WORTH IT / I..I'LL LOSE THEN QUIT THE RING..FOR GOOD!



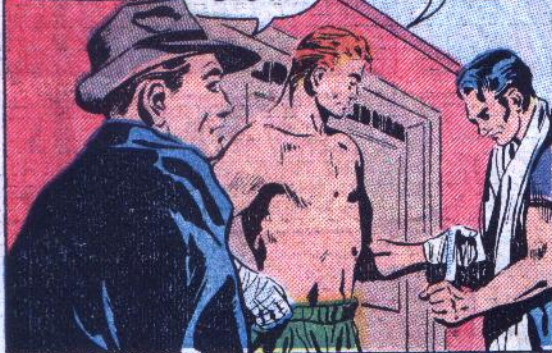
I'M GLAD YOU CAME TO ME, BRUNO.. WE'LL GO TO WORK ON THE CASE RIGHT AWAY! BUT I SHOULD WARN YOU... IT'S A BIG TOWN! TWO MUGGS WHO WANT TO STAY OUT OF SIGHT CAN BE AWFULLY HARD TO FIND. YOU DO YOUR BEST AGAINST TIGER JOLSON...I'LL KEEP IN TOUCH WITH YOU!



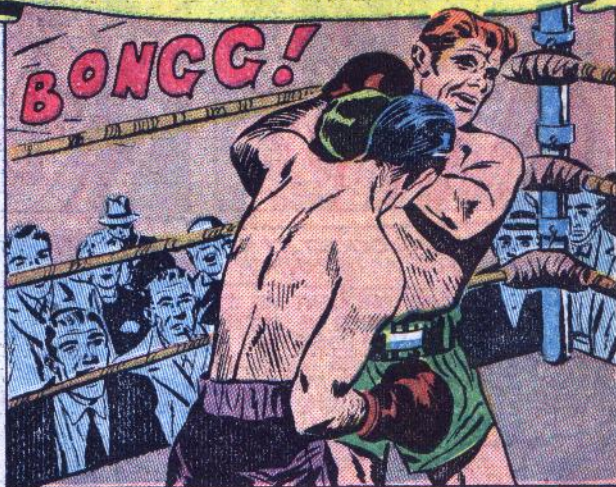
THE EVENING OF THE FIGHT I HAD AN UNHAPPY REPORT TO GIVE BRUNO MOORE IN HIS DRESSING ROOM...

I'VE GOT A HUNCH THOSE TWO WILL WANT TO BE HERE FOR THE KILL! WE'LL PICK THEM UP IF THEY SHOW THEIR FACES! YOU'VE GOT TO DO YOUR BEST...

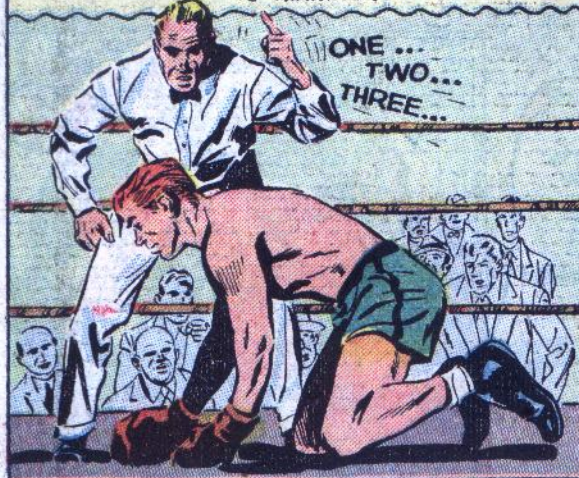
I'LL TRY, INSPECTOR. BUT IF I WIN AND THE KID DIES...



THE FIGHT STARTED, AND STILL NO WORD FROM MY MEN SEARCHING THE STADIUM. IN THE RING, MOORE WAS LISTLESS AND OVERCAUTIOUS...



BY THE EIGHTH ROUND BRUNO WAS FAR BEHIND ON POINTS. HE WASN'T "THROWING" THE FIGHT... HE JUST SEEMED INDIFFERENT TO WINNING!



BRUNO SURVIVED THAT KNOCK DOWN. THEN...

THEY'RE HERE, BRUNO! THEY'VE GOT YOUR BROTHER WITH THEM... HE'S ALL RIGHT! MY BOYS SPOTTED THEM COMING IN DURING THE EIGHTH ROUND AND THEY'RE CLOSING IN ON THEM NOW!



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YOU'VE GOT TWO ROUNDS LEFT, BRUNO... GET OUT THERE AND GIVE YOUR FANS A RUN FOR THEIR MONEY! WIN AND YOU'LL HELP US SMASH THIS "FIX RACKET"!

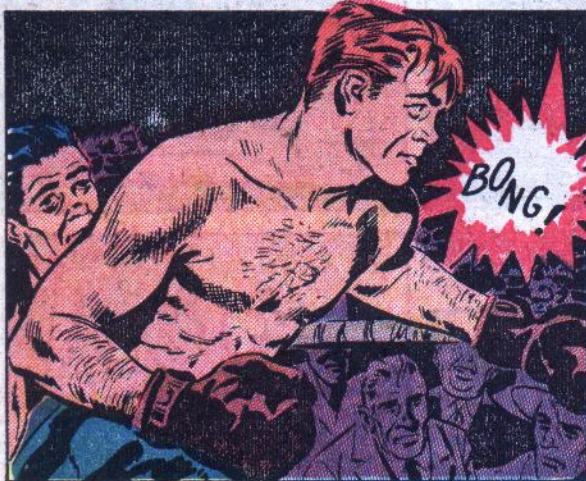


THEY'RE IN ROW "G" BRUNO... NOW GET OUT THERE AND DO YOUR BEST!

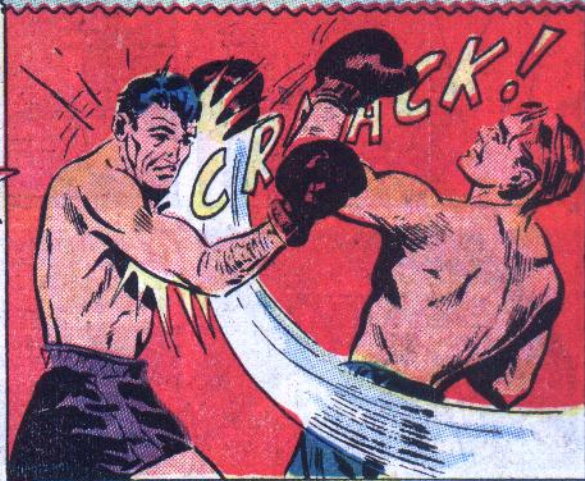
ROW "G"... I SEE EM! T-THE KID... HE'S SMILING AT ME!



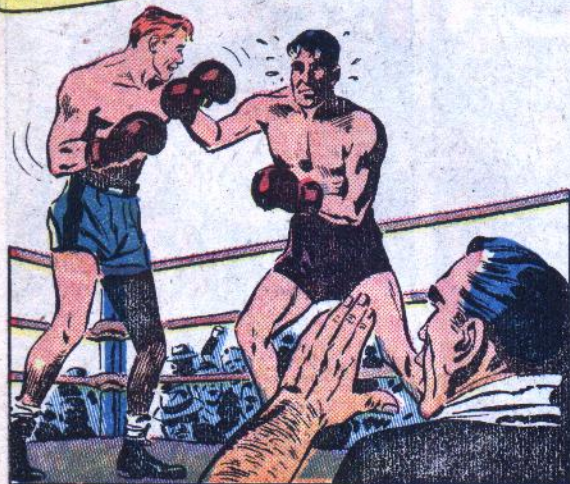
THE BELL SOUNDED FOR THE NINTH ROUND, AND THE WAY MOORE LEAPED UP TOLD ME, HE WOULD WIN IF IT WAS HUMANLY POSSIBLE!"



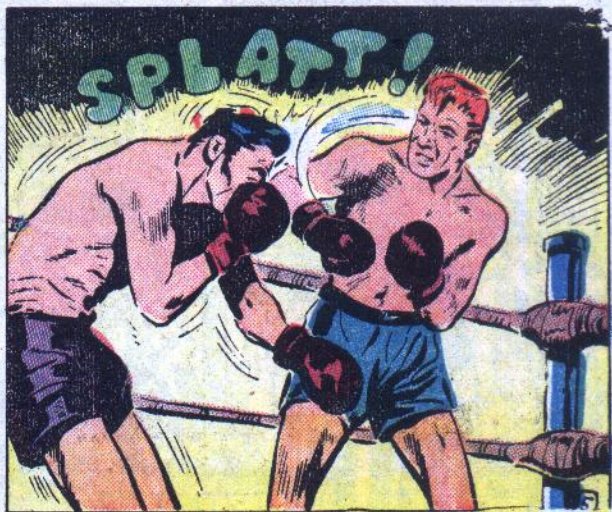
BRUNO WAS A NEW MAN IN THE NINTH ROUND... A MAN INTENT ON QUICK VICTORY! THEN, IN THE TENTH AND LAST ROUND..."



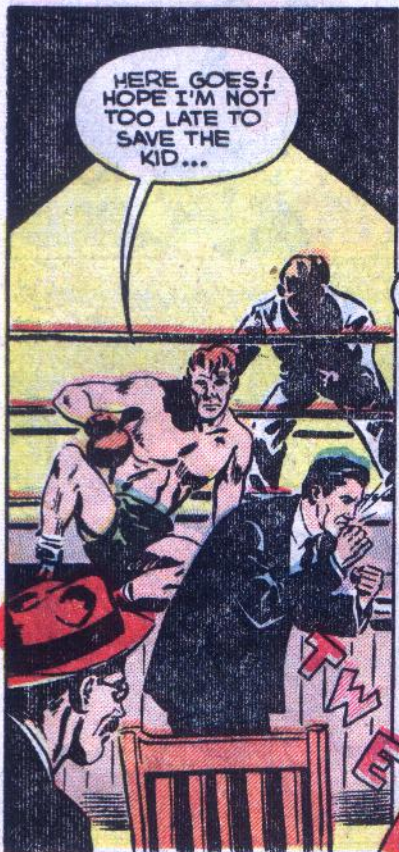
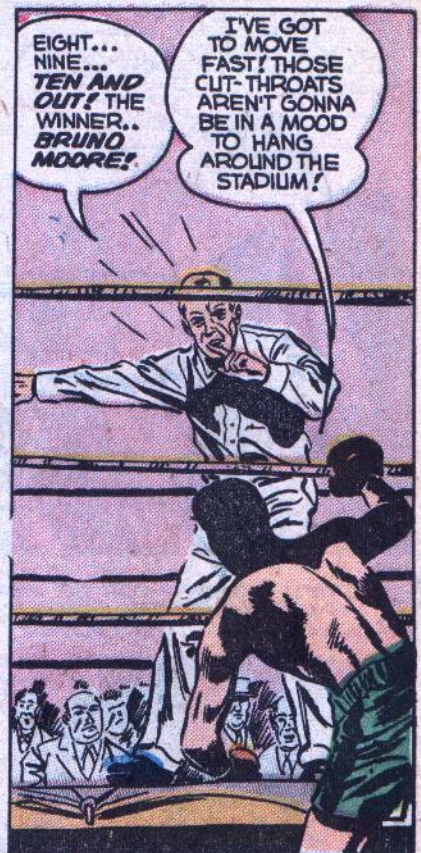
THE ONSLAUGHT WAS SHORT.. AND VICIOUS...



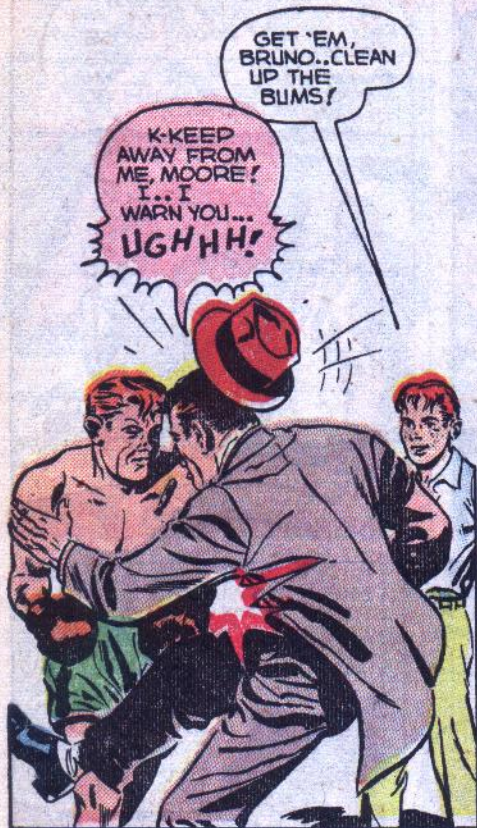
IT WAS UNBELIEVABLE.. IT SEEMED IMPOSSIBLE FOR A HUMAN BEING TO STAND UP UNDER IT..."



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**TEN
FOR
FIVE**

HERE'S A RACKET PULLED ON SERVICE STATION OWNERS BY A PAIR OF CON MEN... ONE PULLS UP AND BUYS SOME GASOLINE...



THE OTHER WATCHES... AND WHEN BUSINESS GETS BRISK, HE SWINGS IN AND WANTS GAS IN A HURRY...



NEVER MIND OIL AND AIR. JUST HURRY WITH THE CHANGE. I'VE GOT A DATE!



THE GAS WAS \$2.60. HERE'S 40¢. THAT MAKES THREE... FOUR... AND ONE IS FIVE DOLLARS!



IT LOOKED LIKE A FIVE TO ME AND I DON'T MAKE MISTAKES OFTEN!



GEE, MISTER, YOU'RE RIGHT. HERE'S THE TEN WITH THE NAME WRITTEN ON IT. I OWE YOU A FIVE... AND HERE IT IS.



THE FIRST CON MAN PLANTED THE \$10 BILL WITH THE NAME WRITTEN ON IT... THE SECOND FLIMFLAM WORKER ONLY GAVE THE SERVICE STATION OWNER A \$5 BILL AS HE THOUGHT!

WORKED IT AGAIN! THAT PUTS US ANOTHER FIVE BUCKS AHEAD!



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INSPECTOR J.J. O'MALLEY

THE VICTIM OF A HIGH-PRESSURE SWINDLE IS NOT ALWAYS AN UNSUSPECTING INDIVIDUAL... EVEN THE MOST EFFICIENT BUSINESS FIRM CAN, ON OCCASION, BITE AT THE CRIMINAL'S BAIT. IN THIS CASE READ HOW AN OVER-ALERT DEPARTMENT STORE FELL FOR ONE OF THE OLDEST DODGES IN THE CROOK'S GRAB-BAG OF ILLEGAL TRICKS!

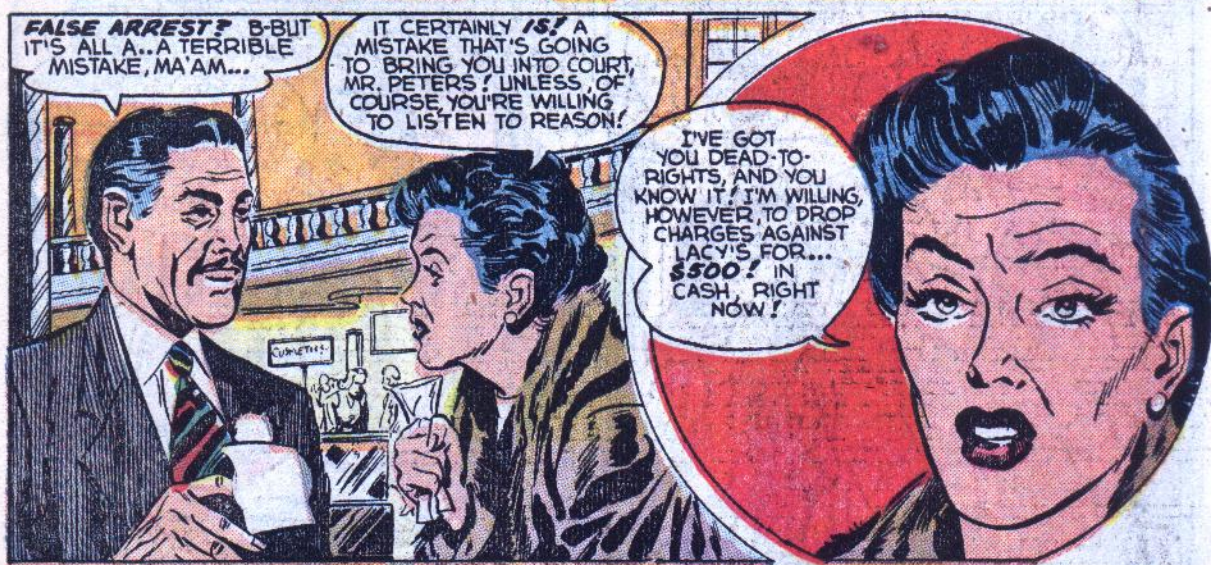
REVERSE TWIST



ARREST ME FOR STEALING FROM LACY'S DEPARTMENT STORE,

WILL YOU? HERE'S THE SALES SLIP FOR THOSE GLOVES! I'VE GOT NEWS FOR YOU, MR. MANAGER... I'M SUING YOU FOR FALSE ARREST!

FROLO ALASCIA



FALSE ARREST? B-BUT IT'S ALL A... A TERRIBLE MISTAKE, MA'AM...

IT CERTAINLY IS! A MISTAKE THAT'S GOING TO BRING YOU INTO COURT, MR. PETERS! UNLESS, OF COURSE, YOU'RE WILLING TO LISTEN TO REASON!

I'VE GOT YOU DEAD-TO-RIGHTS, AND YOU KNOW IT! I'M WILLING, HOWEVER, TO DROP CHARGES AGAINST LACY'S FOR... \$500! IN CASH, RIGHT NOW!

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WHEN THEY ARRIVED I HAD MY ASSISTANT, STEVE PRIOR, TAKE DOWN THEIR STATEMENTS...

YOU UNDERSTAND, DON'T YOU, WHY I THOUGHT IT PRUDENT TO PAY RATHER THAN HAVE THE WOMAN BRING FALSE-ARREST CHARGES? BUT LATER MISS TRENT TOLD ME SOMETHING I THINK YOU SHOULD KNOW...



IT WASN'T UNTIL I SAW THE GLOVES IN MR. PETERS' OFFICE THAT I RECOGNIZED THEM... AND REMEMBERED I HAD SOLD THEM TO SOMEONE ELSE! I... I THINK I CAN GIVE YOU A DESCRIPTION OF THE MAN...

GET THIS DESCRIPTION, STEVE... AND OF THE WOMAN AS WELL! IT'LL HELP US UNRAVEL THE CASE...

YOU BET, CHIEF! OKAY, MISS TRENT...



I CHECKED THE FILES LATER...

NO RECORD OF THEM! WE'VE RUN INTO A BLIND ALLEY.

OR INTO TWO NEW-COMERS TO ONE OF THE OLDEST TRICKS IN THE BOOKS!



COMPLETE DESCRIPTIONS OF THE TWO CULPRITS WERE SENT IMMEDIATELY. THEN... WE WAITED! FOR THREE DAYS WE COOLED OUR HEELS, THEN...

I'LL TAKE THESE GLOVES, MISS! PUT THEM IN A BAG, PLEASE... AND I'D LIKE A RECEIPT, IF YOU DON'T MIND!

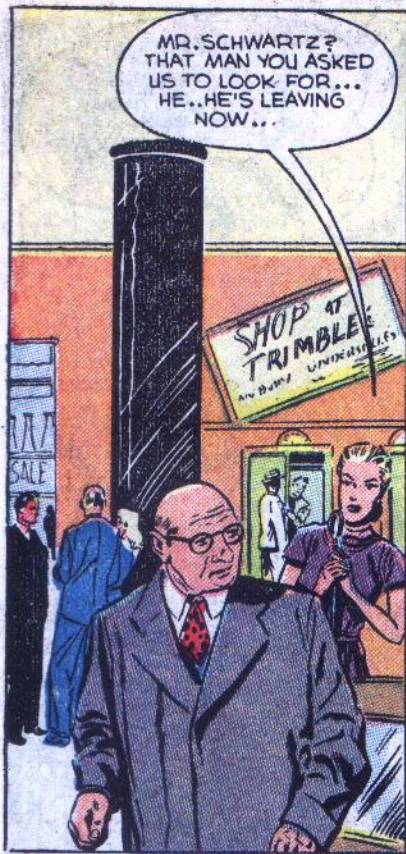


SEND A BULLETIN TO ALL STORES IN THE AREA WITH THE INSTRUCTIONS I OUTLINED TO YOU! AND MARK IT **SECRET!**

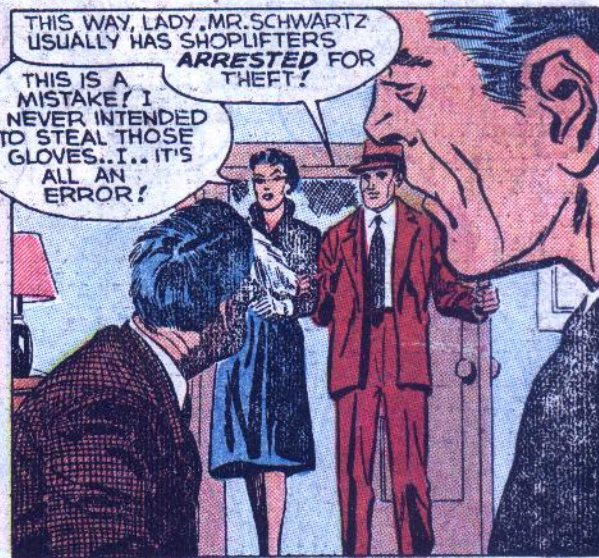
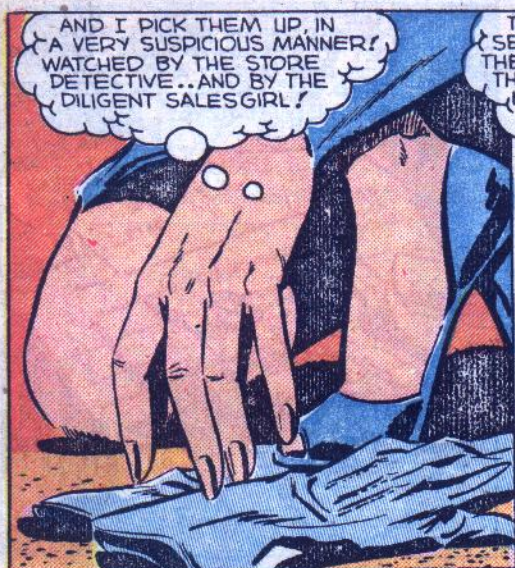
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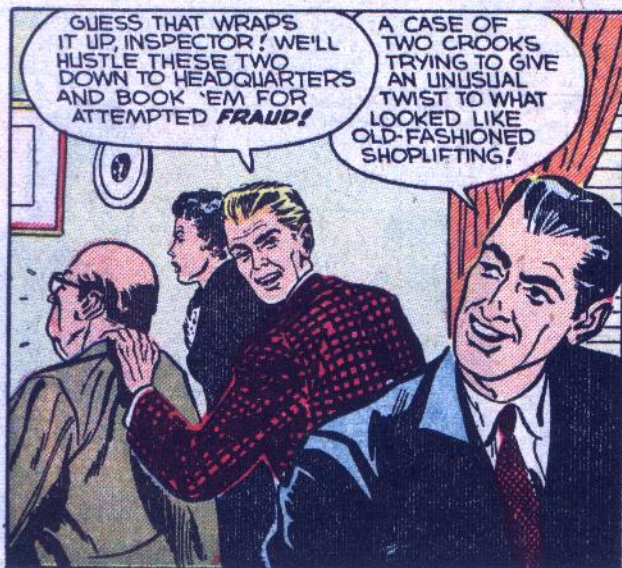
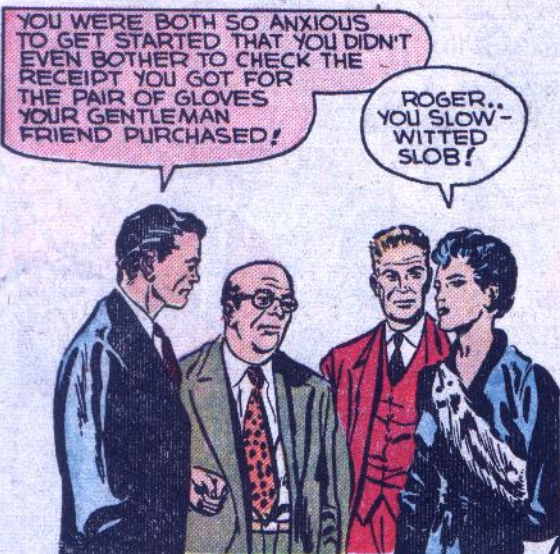
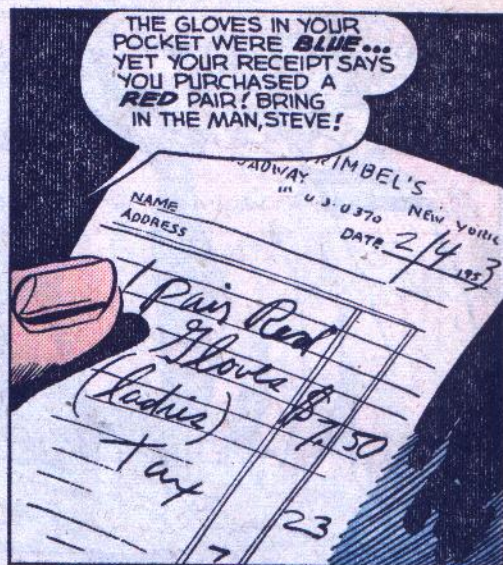
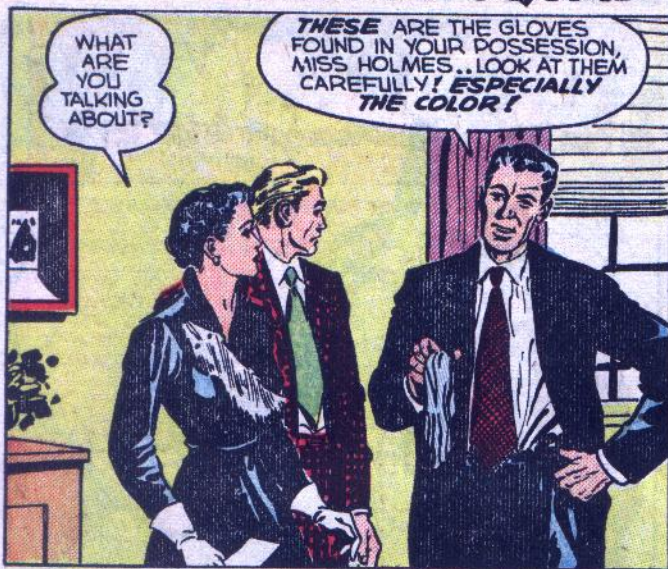
SAT BY SILENTLY, THE WOMAN... ANGELA HOLMES WAS HER NAME.. WAS ARRESTED, THEN PRODUCED WHAT SHE WAS CERTAIN WOULD BE A SHOCK...



I BOUGHT AND PAID FOR THAT MERCHANDISE.. AND YOU'VE PUSHED A COP ON ME! I'LL SUE THIS CRIMMY STORE FOR **FALSE ARREST!**



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PENNY-ANTE SALESMAN

HERE'S THE WORLD'S CHEAPEST RACKET.. AS BEING USED IN NEW YORK TODAY!



YES, IT WAS JUST A SALES PITCH.. BUT WHY DIDN'T THE SALESMAN PHONE DIRECT? BECAUSE POSTCARDS CAN BE MAILED FOR 2¢ IN NEW YORK, BUT A CALL COSTS A DIME... AND YOU DON'T ALWAYS FIND YOUR MAN AT HOME...



SO HE MAILED 100 POSTCARDS.. TO MR. THOMAS AND TO 99 OTHERS... COST \$2.00 ..AND LET THEM PHONE HIM! ..COST \$8.00 TO A PHONE BOOTH THAT HE USED FOR AN OFFICE! NOT ONLY DID THE SALESMAN ROUSE THEIR INTEREST AND MAKE THEM TALK TO HIM... HE SAVED \$8.00 EVERY DAY AT THE CUSTOMER'S EXPENSE!



THE CATSUP RACKET

Joe Pender faced his "staff" as they were seated around the table in Eleanor's apartment. He was giving them final instructions in one of the neatest rackets ever devised by a crooked man.

"Our next sucker is William Seadman, a construction engineer and a leading man in his little suburban community. However he likes to stop in at the El Morado Bar for his drink. Eleanor will meet him there. Last year he attended the Engineers Convention in Miami Beach. That is where you will say you met him, Eleanor, and from then on the rest should be simple. He does have an eye for pretty women. John Simpson was secretary of the convention and he died two months ago, so you can say you were with John. Any questions?"

"None," ventured Pete Marino, "but I got to say this to you. I have been in all kinds of rackets in my lifetime and this is something that tops them all. Work a sucker a week for it and there seems to be no end to the fish we hook."

"I am glad you like this business enterprise," replied Joe Pender. "However, the next time you bleed, be more realistic about it when you fall to the floor, dead. I thought I saw you move. A corpse is not to move, am I clear?"

"A fly got onto my nose and brother did he bother me," apologized Pete Marino. "Won't happen again. I kill every fly I meet."

William Seadman was at his usual haunt, El Morado Bar, for his drink. In his right hand he held his glass. But he wasn't drinking. Just now his eyes were focused on the gorgeous blonde seated next to him. He was trying to decide which "line" to use to speak to her when suddenly she turned toward him.

"Bill Seadman," uttered a delightful voice, "or a reasonable facsimile of the man I met down in Miami Beach."

"I'm Bill Seadman in the flesh," he replied quickly, "and your name is . . ."

" . . . Eleanor Winters. John Simpson was with me at the Engineers Convention. Poor John. You know he died two months ago. His car ran into a truck on the highway and they took him, unconscious, to the hospital."

"If you aren't busy, how about having supper with me?" asked William Seadman. "We can talk about Miami Beach, conventions, and you."

"I'm due at my Uncle Joe's apartment for supper. I am staying with him. You wait here and I'll call him up and tell him I am dining out with an old friend."

"Not an old friend, but a friend," corrected the sucker as he watched Eleanor go over to a phone booth and close the door. She dialed the number and then got her party.

"Joe??? Eleanor. He bit just like a two-year old. Going to have supper with him. Get the setup working and I should be over at about eleven."

The two dined and danced at one of the finest hotels in the city. William Seadman suggested a ride in his car, and Eleanor consented, but with a stipulation.

"I must be home at eleven. And you can come up to the place with me. I told Uncle Joe about you."

At the appointed time the two were outside an apartment door on the twelfth floor of a beautiful place on Central Park West. Eleanor rang the bell and her "uncle" answered it.

"Come on in. And am I glad you are here! Louis Gargan is inside. I called the police about him. He is making threats against Wilbur. Claims Wilbur cheated him on that mining deal."

Introductions were made and Eleanor and her sucker entered the living room. Suddenly one man entered followed by another holding a gun in his hand.

"You cheated me," shouted the angry man, "and I am going to kill you. I always hated you, Wilbur, and this time you are going to get what you deserve."

He pulled the trigger four times and Wilbur, alias Pete Marino, fell to the floor. As he fell he punctured the hot water bag he had concealed underneath his shirt. And oozy catsup, looking like real blood, came through. Eleanor screamed and Bill held her with two protective arms. Then the door bell rang and Uncle Joe

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answered it. Two men showed detective badges and then entered. They questioned everyone about the killing.

"This Louis Gargan is the killer, no doubt about it. However I'll have to take this Mr. Seadman to the police station and book him as a material witness."

The engineer was all upset. He could see the effect this would have upon his job and also upon his reputation. He looked at the two detectives in a pleading manner.

"Perhaps there is something I can do? Would you forget you saw me if I gave you each fifty dollars?"

"Trying to bribe an officer of the law, eh?" snapped back one of the detectives. "Come on with me. I am going to take you right over to the station house."

One detective walked outside of the apartment with William Seadman. Then he looked around and spoke to the point.

"My partner is a very honest detective. But I got a sick wife in the hospital. Make it worth my while and I'll let you go. I'll figure out a way to square it with my partner."

"I have two hundred dollars in my pocket," was the answer.

"A measly two hundred bucks," snapped the man indignantly. "It will cost you thousands if you land in jail. Make it fifteen hundred dollars. Give me the cash you have and a check. But no funny business with that check."

A week passed since that unpleasant event had taken place and Bill Seadman was having nightmares. Every time he saw an officer he was certain the law was looking for him. On Tuesday he found his car had trouble so he took the subway to the railroad station. And then his eyes almost popped out of his head. For there in the subway was a 'corpse'—the man that was supposed to be dead. And then suddenly it dawned upon him what must have happened. He got off at the next station and headed for a phone. An hour later he was seated in the office of Morris Bloom, attorney-at-law.

"Looks like a racket to me. Best thing is to contact the D. A. and see what he knows about it."

The next day the attorney and William Seadman were speaking to the D. A.

"You were a victim of what is known as the catsup racket," said the D. A. "We had a tip-off that a new gang was here in our city using

this technique of enriching themselves. But up to the present we haven't been able to spot one of them. And why? Because the victim never complains to the police. He thinks they are looking for him. I'll have a search warrant sworn out and go with you to the apartment.

Eleanor was drinking and seated next to Pete Marino when the bell rang.

"Get it, Pete, and tell them we don't want to buy anything."

Pete opened the door and saw before him none other than Bill Seadman, a tall man, and two officers of the law.

"We have a search warrant," announced the D. A. "and we are coming in."

Five minutes of heated discussion produced nothing but denials on the part of Pete.

"That's the corpse," said Bill Seadman.

"Never saw the man in my life," replied Pete.

But the D. A. saw an angle and he smiled as he spoke.

"Show me where the body fell, Mr. Seadman. If on the bare floor, try to remember. Or if the body fell on a rug, be certain to tell me."

"Right over there," pointed the ex-sucker, "And it was on the bare floor. No rug."

"Rip up the floor boards," said the D. A. to the two officers. "We'll test the boards for catsup at the laboratory. Meanwhile we will arrest these two people."

A week later, William Seadman with his attorney was in the office of the D. A. who handed him a check.

"We recovered most of the money they took from you and other suckers. But locating some of those poor suckers will be a problem for us. In fact, one denied he was involved. Seems he is married."

"The girl and the man will probably get several years in jail?" asked William Seadman.


"They will eventually get the chair but the others will get a term in jail."

"The chair?" repeated a puzzled William Seadman. "Doesn't make sense to me. The blood was only catsup."

"It was real blood," announced the D. A. "After you left, there was a fight between Pete Marino and Joe Pender. Pete killed Joe. It was over the money and the girl. We got a confession when the laboratory tests showed human blood — not the stuff from tomatoes."

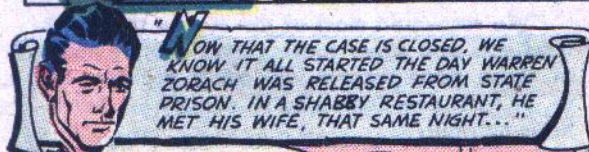
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RACKET SQUAD IN ACTION



INSPECTOR J.J. O'MALLEY SPEAKING. DO YOU HAVE A FOOTBALL PRIZE CONTEST IN YOUR TOWN? DOES YOUR LOCAL NEWSPAPER OFFER 15 TOP GAMES EACH WEEK DURING THE GRIDIRON SEASON, AND CHALLENGE ITS READERS TO PICK THE WINNING TEAMS AND THE PROBABLE SCORES... WITH THE ENTRANT WHO GUESSES MOST CORRECTLY POCKETING A SIZABLE AWARD? YOU'VE PROBABLY HEARD OF THIS KIND OF QUIZ... MILLIONS OF PIGSKIN FANS FROM COAST-TO-COAST ENTER REGULARLY. IT'S ALL ON THE UP-AND-UP, EXCEPT WHEN SWINDLERS LATCH ONTO THE IDEA AND BEGIN TO SUBMIT ENTRIES WHICH ARE...

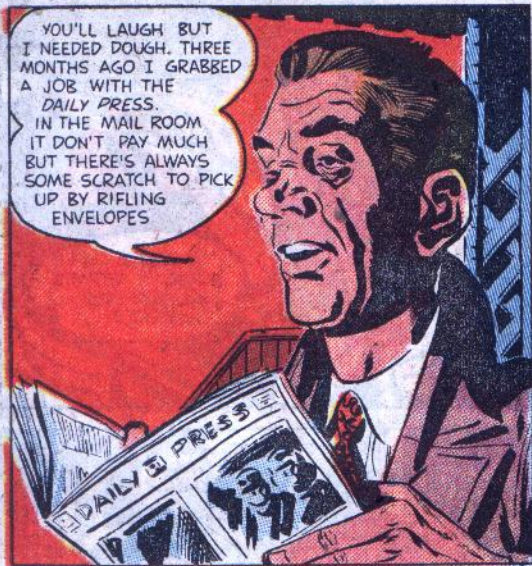
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THIS THING'S A NATURAL! I GOT JUST ONE QUESTION... WHEN ARE THE ENTRIES JUDGED?

THE DAILY PRESS

"TAKE YOUR PICK" CONTEST

ENTRY IS SIMPLE. FILL IN THE SCORES OF THIS COMING SATURDAY'S BIG FOOTBALL GAMES, AS YOU FORESEE THE RESULTS. ALL ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED NOT LATER THAN MIDNIGHT, FRIDAY

SCORE

TEAM

POSITION

INCOME

SCORE

THE BOYS IN THE MAIL ROOM BRING ALL THE ENTRIES TO THE SPORTS EDITOR ON MONDAY MORNING, BUT YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT FOOTBALL, WARREN

THAT WOULD STOP AN ORDINARY SUCKER. BUT WE C'MON!

MONDAY MORNING, EH? THAT MAKES IT PERFECT! I'LL GIVE YOU AN IDEA OF WHAT I'VE GOT IN MIND...

SUBWAY

SURE IT SOUNDS CRAZY... THAT'S WHY NO ONE EVER TRIED IT BEFORE. THE STAMP'S ON YOU GOT THAT STICKER I ADDRESSED TO MYSELF?

THE FOLLOWING DAY, AFTER WARREN ZORACH HAD EXPLAINED HIS PLAN, THE FIRST STEP WAS TAKEN...

THERE! AN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO THE "TAKE YOUR PICK" CONTEST EDITOR NOW. YOU GOT A STAMP MARIAN?

RIGHT HERE THE IDEA SOUNDS CRAZY

IT'S HERE, FIXED UP EXACTLY THE WAY YOU ASKED

NOW I PASTE THIS STICKER WITH MY ADDRESS ON THE ENVELOPE WITH RUBBER CEMENT AND I'M ALL SET!

I STILL DON'T THINK IT'S GONNA WORK!

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Warren Zorach
East 189th
New York 64

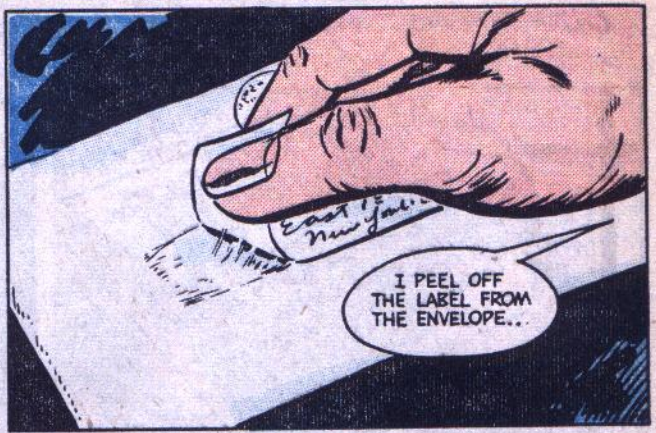
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RACKET SQUAD IN ACTION



THE UNUSUAL ENVELOPE WAS MAILED ON TUESDAY AFTERNOON, AND THE FOLLOWING DAY...

IT'S BACK... RIGHT AS RAIN! JUST THE WAY I HOPED IT WOULD WORK! LOOK AT IT, MARIAN...



I PEEL OFF THE LABEL FROM THE ENVELOPE...



THEN I RE-ADDRESS THE ENVELOPE TO THE "CONTEST" EDITOR AT THE DAILY PRESS. IT HAS A GENUINE CANCELLATION ON IT, NOW... CANCELLED AS IF IT WENT THROUGH THE MAIL ON TUESDAY NIGHT! NOW WE WAIT 'TIL SATURDAY AFTERNOON...

LATE THAT SATURDAY AFTERNOON, THE TRIO OF SWINDLERS AWAITED THE LAST OF THE WEEK'S FOOTBALL RESULTS...



HERE IT COMES, WARREN! SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA 17... U.C. L.A. 10!



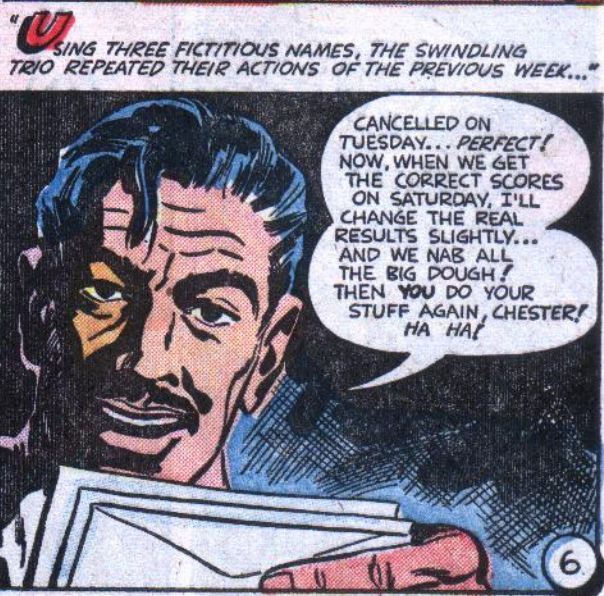
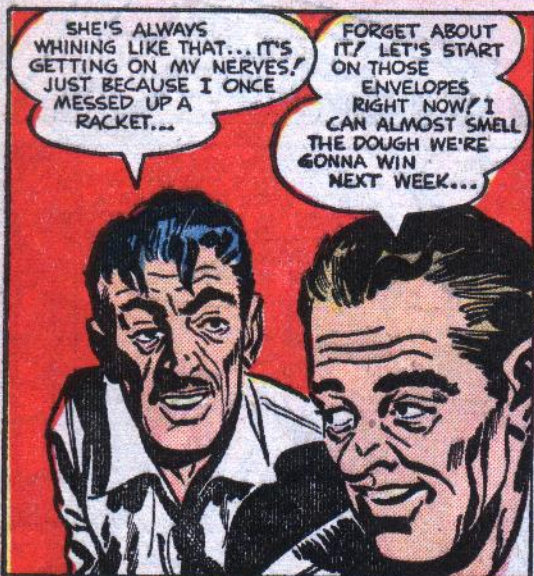
THAT DOES IT! ALL FIFTEEN WINNING TEAMS! I'VE ALTERED THE SCORES A BIT SO THEY DON'T GET SUSPICIOUS DOWN AT THE DAILY PRESS!



INTO THE ENVELOPE WHICH WAS ALREADY CANCELLED GOES OUR ENTRY... AND AFTER YOU SLIP IT IN WITH THE OTHERS IN THE MAIL ROOM, CHESTER... WE SIT BACK AND WAIT TO BE NOTIFIED THAT WE WON THIS WEEK'S FIRST PRIZE!

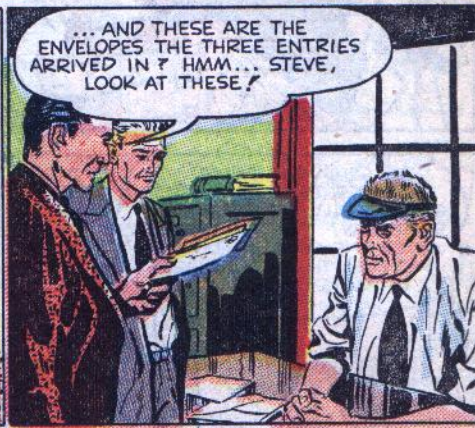
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AND THAT'S JUST HOW IT WORKED. FOR, THE FOLLOWING MONDAY AFTERNOON, IN THE OFFICE OF THE SPORTS EDITOR OF THE DAILY PRESS...



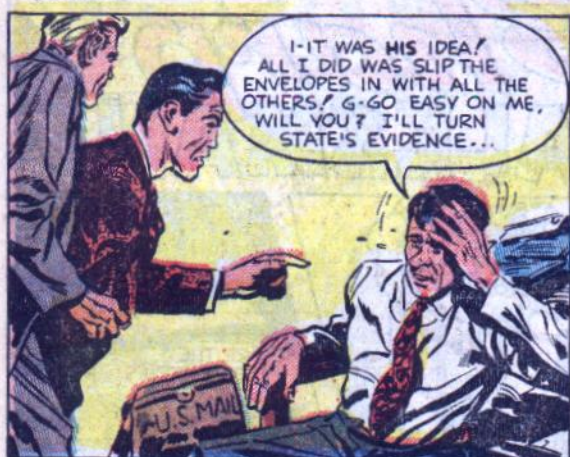
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"ONCE AGAIN CHESTER CRATER SLIPPED HIS ILLEGAL ENVELOPES IN WITH THE LEGITIMATE ENTRIES, AND FOR THE SECOND CONSECUTIVE MONDAY, THE SPORTS EDITOR OF THE DAILY PRESS IS STARTLED BY WHAT HE SEES..."



RACKET SQUAD IN ACTION

"IN THE MAIL ROOM, I WAS IN FOR A SURPRISE... AN OLD ACQUAINTANCE WHO CERTAINLY WAS OUT OF PLACE, A HALF-HOUR OF GRILLING AND SMALL TIME CHISELER CHESTER CRATER BROKE DOWN..."



"A FEW MINUTES LATER, I SAW ANOTHER FAMILIAR FACE. IT PEERED OUT AT ME FROM THE APARTMENT CHESTER CRATER HAD BABBLED ABOUT..."



MARIAN ZORACH'S THROWING ARM WRAPPED UP THE CASE. A SOMEWHAT UNUSUAL WAY FOR THE MALE TO BE 'DELIVERED!'

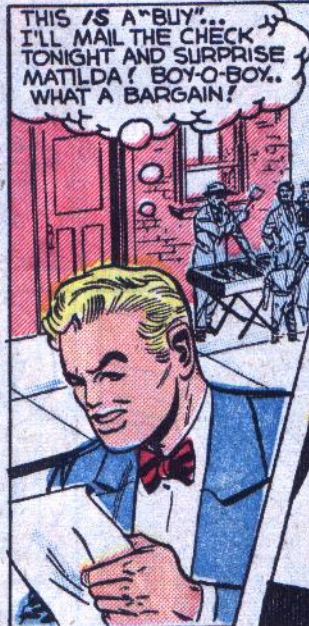
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BE CAREFUL OF MAIL-ORDER OFFERS, DEAR READER, PARTICULARLY THOSE OFFERED ON THE STREET! SOMETIMES THERE LURKS BEHIND SUCH AN OFFER A...




Sharp SALESMAN



RACKET SQUAD IN ACTION

The FAKE BOND SWINDLE



YOU HAVE TO BE WIDE AWAKE THESE DAYS ALL RIGHT. PEOPLE ARE BEING SWINDLED ALL THE TIME. WHAT YOU DON'T KNOW WILL **HURT** YOU! SO LISTEN TO THIS STORY...

JOHN BURROUGHS, DIRECTOR OF THE FAMOUS FEDERAL ANTI-SWINDLE BUREAU, KNOWN OFTEN AS THE F.A.S.B., HAS ANOTHER INTERESTING TALE TO TELL. IT MAY SAVE YOU LOTS OF MONEY IN THE FUTURE IF YOU KNOW HOW THIS RACKET IS WORKED...

FRODO HILSCIA

MEET STEVE ALLEN AND FRANK KRANDELL, TWO SWINDLERS WHO ARE PLANNING TO GET THE PUBLIC'S MONEY...

I'LL STOP THE PRESS IN A MINUTE, STEVE. THEN YOU CAN LOOK AT A SAMPLE OF THIS JOB!

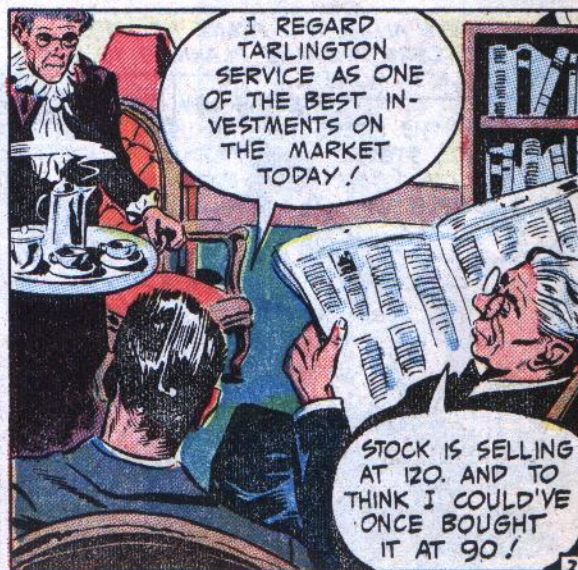
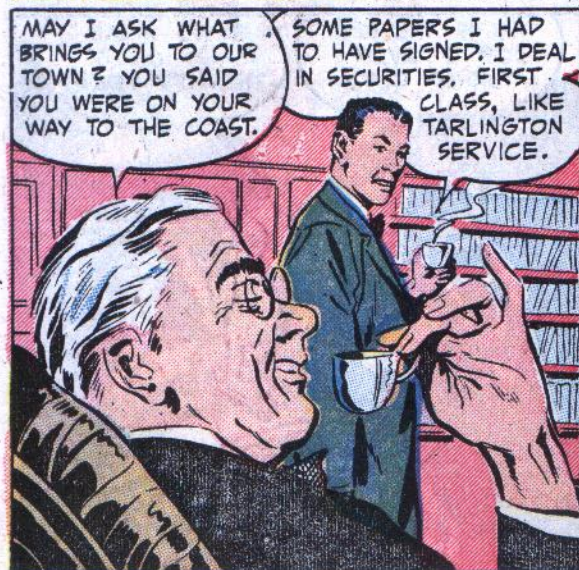
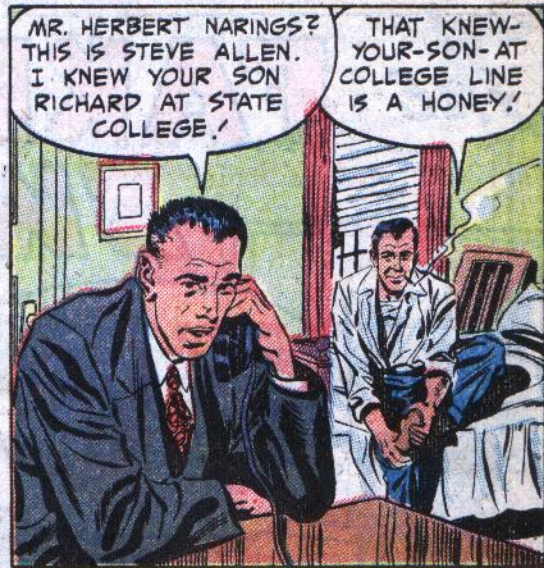
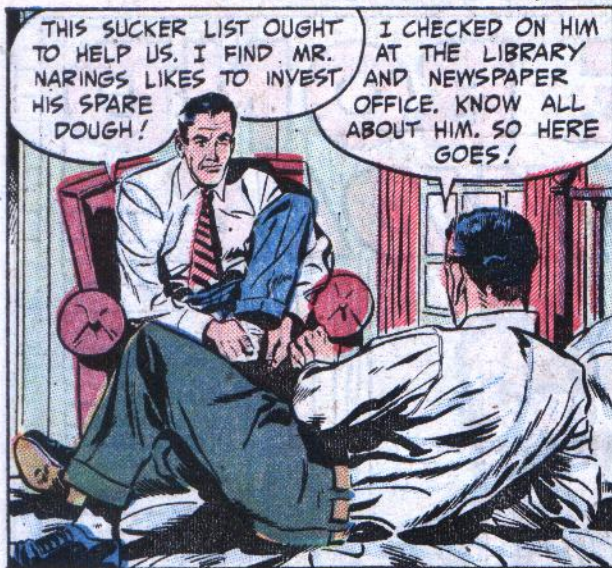
THIS NEW TECHNIQUE YOU'RE USING OUGHT TO PRODUCE A FIRST RATE IMITATION!

THIS IS THE BEST JOB I EVER TURNED OUT!

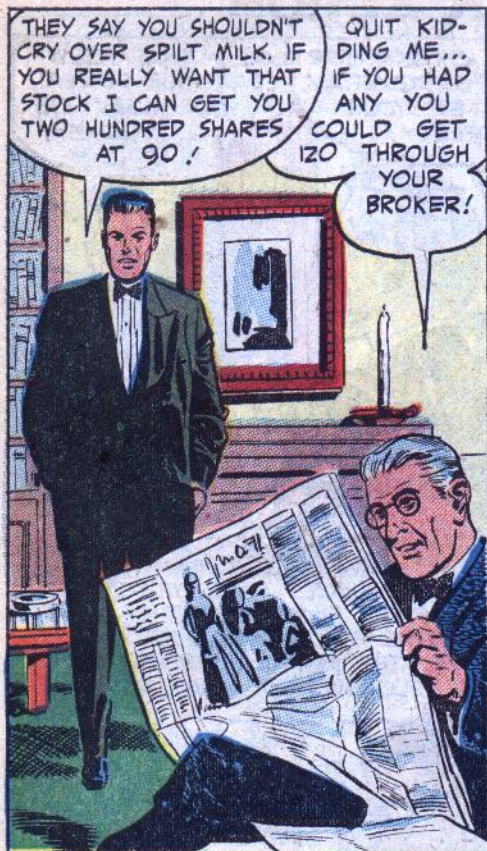
IF WE MAKE MONEY ON IT THEN IT'S GOOD!

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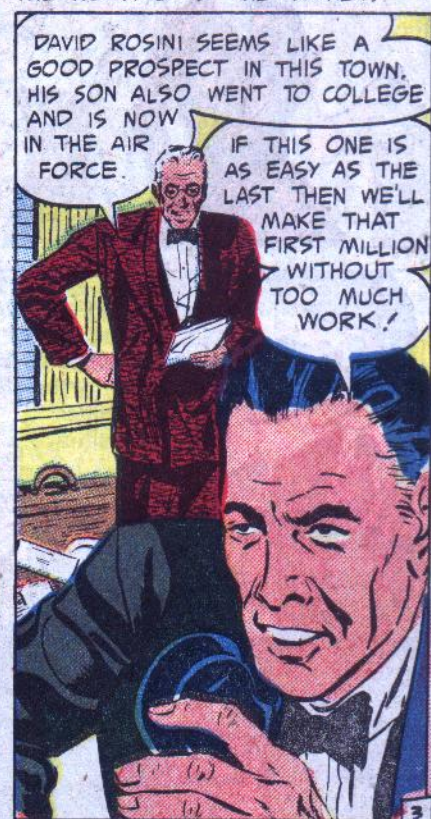
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ANOTHER CONTACT IS TO BE MADE THE ROUTINE IS THE SAME.



RACKET SQUAD IN ACTION

AT THE CLUB, MR. NARINGS DID A BIT OF BOASTING...

I JUST PUT ACROSS A SWELL DEAL. BOUGHT TWO HUNDRED SHARES OF TARLINGTON SERVICE AT 90.

IT SELLS ON THE STOCK EXCHANGE AT 120. I DON'T GET IT. WHY NOT SEE YOUR BANKER?

AS YOUR BANKER I'D LIKE TO CHECK THESE SHARES FOR YOU. THEY COULD BE STOLEN PROPERTY!

JOHN, YOU HAVE ME WORRIED. I'LL LEAVE THE SHARES WITH YOU!

MR. JOHN BURROUGHS OF THE FEDERAL ANTI-SWINDLE BUREAU IS HERE TO SEE YOU.

TELL HIM TO COME IN AT ONCE. HE'D KNOW IF ANYTHING WERE WRONG WITH THE STOCK!

THESE ARE FAKE SHARES MADE WITH PHOTO-OFFSETS OF STEEL ENGRAVINGS. THEY HAVE CERTAIN ERRORS RECOGNIZABLE TO THE TRAINED EYE. THE SERIAL NUMBERS ARE OF SHARES BELONGING TO A WALTER HILLSIDE.

I GUESS I WILL HAVE TO TELL MR. NARINGS THE SAD NEWS!

YOU SHOULD BUY LISTED STOCK THROUGH THE EXCHANGE OR CONSULT YOUR BANKER OR DEAL ONLY WITH PEOPLE YOU KNOW. REMEMBER, IN BUSINESS YOU GET NOTHING FOR NOTHING!

MY BANKROLL AND VANITY HAVE BEEN DEEPLY HURT. HE LOOKED LIKE SUCH A FINE YOUNG MAN!

WE FINALLY PICKED UP STEVE ALLEN AND FRANK KRANDELL IN BOSTON, BUT THE MONEY WAS SPENT. THEY ARE NOW BEHIND BARS IN A FEDERAL PRISON!

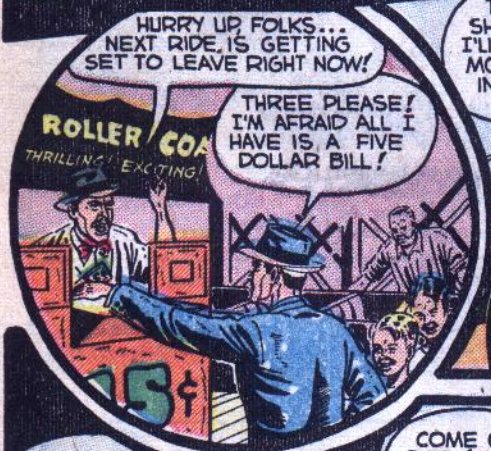
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WATCH OUT FOR...

THE HOLD-OUT!

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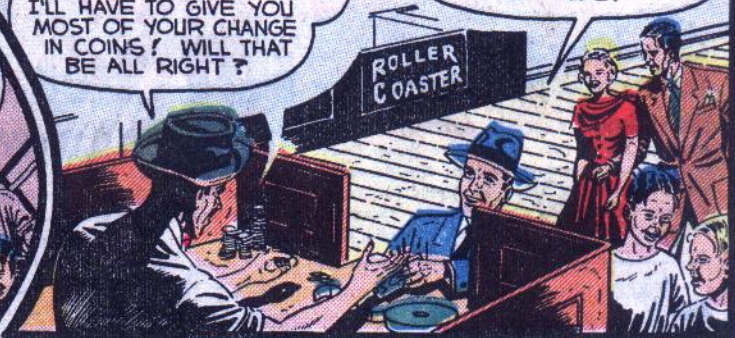


HURRY UP, FOLKS...
NEXT RIDE IS GETTING
SET TO LEAVE RIGHT NOW!

THREE PLEASE!
I'M AFRAID ALL I
HAVE IS A FIVE
DOLLAR BILL!

THREE IT IS! I'M KINDA
SHORT OF BILLS MYSELF...
I'LL HAVE TO GIVE YOU
MOST OF YOUR CHANGE
IN COINS! WILL THAT
BE ALL RIGHT?

CHANGE'LL BE OKAY...
JUST HURRY! THE KIDS ARE
ANXIOUS TO MAKE THE
NEXT RIDE!



FOUR-SEVENTY FIVE...
EIGHTY FIVE...NINETY...
FIVE DOLLARS, SIR!
AND THANK YOU...

COME ON,
POP! WE'LL
MISS IT!

BECAUSE THE CUSTOMER HAS COUNTED THE
COINS AS THE MONEY WAS DROPPED ON
THE COUNTER, HE IS SATISFIED THAT HE
HAS NOT BEEN SHORT CHANGED...



BETTER HUSTLE
MISTER... THEY'RE
STARTING IN A
SECOND!



**AND THE
WILY
TICKET
SELLER
IS
SATISFIED,
TOO...**

NICKED THIS SUCKER
FOR OVER A BUCK IN
COINS! HE'S SLIPPED THE
CHANGE INTO HIS POCKET
ALREADY... HE'S GOT NO
COME-BACK NOW!

FOR HE HAS SUCCESSFULLY HELD OUT A
CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF CHANGE, BY
SKILLFULLY SLIDING A CERTAIN NUMBER
OF THE COINS TOWARD ONE SIDE,
WHERE THE TICKET-CAGE ITSELF
HIDES IT FROM THE VIEW OF THE CUSTOMER!
IN THE COURSE OF A BUSY DAY, THE HOLD-OUT
MAKES A TIDY SUM BY USING THIS RARELY
DISCOVERED TRICK! WATCH OUT FOR IT!





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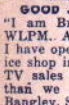
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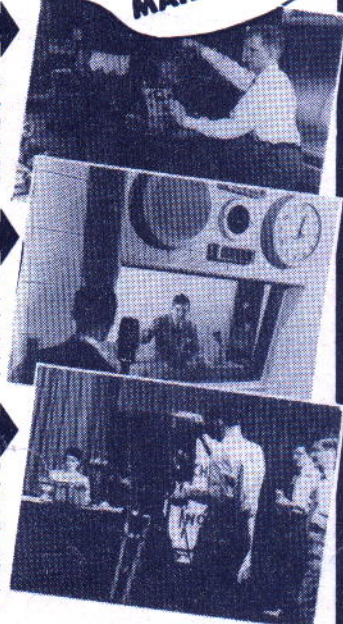
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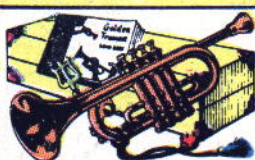
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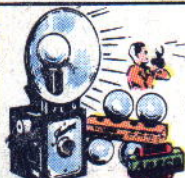
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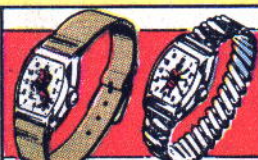


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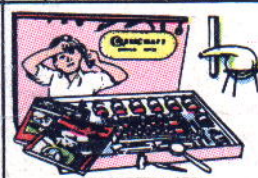


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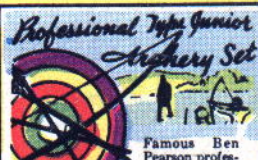


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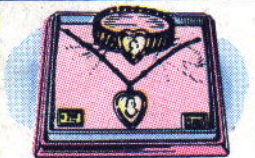


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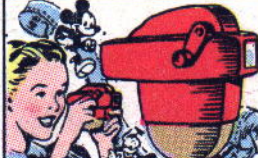
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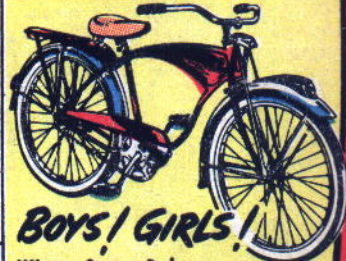
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